

for displaying to discriminate a time period based on designation by a user as recited in claim 1, is neither taught nor suggested by Lett. The "means" as recited in the claimed invention and further defined in the specification is distinguishable from Lett. Specifically, it was submitted that the means for performing the functions of the claimed invention as recited in claims 1-3, 6-9, and 11-13 are different than Lett. In particular, the means for displaying to discriminate a time period based on designation by a user as disclosed in the specification (Page 20 - Page 38) is not the same as disclosed in Lett. One example out of many examples disclosed in the specification is that "the display screen and the time period in which a purchased program is located downwardly of the display screen are displayed by the triangular marks". Thus, the means for displaying to discriminate a time period based on designation by a user is neither taught nor suggested by Lett.

As agreed in the interview, the elements recited in claims 2, 3, 6-9, and 11-13, are also not taught or suggested by Lett. The means disclosed in these claims are also distinguishable from the prior art. It should be noted that "the PTO may not disregard the structure disclosed in the specification corresponding to such (means) language when rendering a patentability determination." See M.P.E.P. 2181. Therefore as discussed in the interview, Applicants respectfully submit that Lett does not teach or suggest the means of the claimed invention as recited in the rejected claims.

In view of the above remarks and the issues discussed on May 24, 2002 at the interview, Applicants respectfully submit that Lett neither teaches nor suggests all the features of the claimed invention. Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the remarks and indicating that a new Office Action or a notice of allowance would be issued after further search and consideration. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 6-9, and 11-13.

Should the Examiner believe the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge

payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to  
Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300.

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